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from her dock at Jarsey City, yesterday, 12 M. for Liverpool. She took out 35 passengers for Liverpool, and five for Hallfax, whose names will be found in

Yuba Diggings The Dark Side.

Mr A. J. Baker of Jonesville, Mich. who ratur ed from California in the Panama and Empire ossly exaggerated. He left Michigan early in the Spring and pushed through ac cas the ompany, (the ' Fayette Rovers,') having lost fourteen out of thirty-two head of cattle, and seeing the prospect ahead atill more appalling, called a halt at the Mormon settlement on Sait Lake, and

but remained there some six weeks, suffering severely from diarrhes, &c. resulting from his privations and sufferings on the way. He thinks the diggers on the Juba do not average more that five is very heavy, and the ravages of disease very general and severe. The sufferings throughout the Mining Region this Winter must be terri-Mr. B. thinks one-third of all who started from the We trust he is a good way out in his reckoning, but we know no better way than to enable ou readers to look upon California in all the lights

Mr. B. does not complain of his own fortune, and appears to have done very well while in California for a sick man. A brother of his built a dam, turned a stream, and took out \$2,000-the fruits of some three weeks' well directed labor. He then sold his dam and privileges for \$800 to Mr. B. who resold it for \$1,050. But a good many have built more expensive dams to no purpose.

By the way: We met recently a gentleman who took out a new separator, which works by quicksliver-that is to say, the gold-bearing earth or washer, through which the gold sinks by itself while the earth and water, being lighter than the the already washed earth at Mormon Island (the dust, which had escaped in the old process. saw the proceeds.) The machine went on its way rejoicing, and a good many like it were sold to arrive at \$1,000 each. This is a good business-for the machine maker at least.

Forefathers Day.

THE NEW-ENGLAND SOCIETY OF BROOKLYN celebrated the 229th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims and the 3d of its own organization on Saturday evening, at Montague Hall.

At 5 o'clock some 260 ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent entertainment, prepared by Mr. Haines Rev Mr. Farley invoked the blessing at the table.

The interest of the occasion was greatly hightened by the presence of the Hungarian Exiles, attended by S. Daarns, Esq. of New-York.

After the company had regaled themselves with the good things before them, the President, CHANDLER STARR, Esq. made some appropriate remarks, at the close of which he tendered a cordial welcome to the Exiles, and during which the audience arose. The President then offered the following sentiment

After the applause with which this sentiment was received had subsided, S. DRAPER, Esq. in behalt of the Exiles returned thanks for the hospitality extended to them, and in a few touching remarks alluded to their present position. On their retiring from the hall, which they did at an early hour, the assemblage gave them

The following were the regular toxate upon the oc-

2. New England - We inherit her fame-we oberish

2. New England.—We inherit her fame—we cherish her principles, and we will share her destiny.

3. The New Planters of the Southern and Central Colonies—Fellow builders with our fathers of the Cyclopean foundations of the Republic.

4. The President of the United Seates, and the Governor of the State of New York.

5. Our Sister Sections.—They add to the warmth of our regard by the character of their representatives.

6. The Oration of the Day—The eloquent expounder of New England character and principles.

7. The Clergy—As the flocks multiply and are scattered upon a thousand hills, faithful sheperds follow and fold them.

8. The City of Brooklyn—We find it as Gov. Bradford found Leyden, "A fair and beautiful city, and of a sweet situation."

9. The draw and Navy of the United States.

weet situation. A fair and beautiful city, 9. The dray and Navy of the United States. 10. The helicitus.

The Judictory.
 The Fair Sex-in which daughters, wires and nothers, like painting, poesy and eloquence, are

STORES and BETHUNE, Chancellor WALWORTH, Mayor Copeland, J. Hoxie, N. Cleveland, James Hum

PERRY, F. A. Lee, E. W. FISKE and R. SANDFORD, Enqs. Letters of apology were received from Hon. Janes Dr. OSGOOD, Hon. JAMES DIXON

HORACE GREELEY, and H. J. RAYMOND, Esqs. Accompanying the letter of Mr. Greeley was the fol

Late in the evening quite a sensation was produced ent from the Chair that there were present a lady from Connecticut who was the fifth de-condunt of Gov. Bradford, and a gentleman (Chancel-br Walworth) descended from Mary Chilton, the direcale who leaped upon Plymouth Rock.

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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1840

BY GREELEY & McELRATH.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE

Washington, Wednesday, Dec A small frame dwelling in the rear of the Yard was burned down yesterday, and a man and children perished in the flames. Intemperates I posed to have been the cause of the calamity.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 26—P.M.

John Cornell, a passenger in the steamer Empire City, who arrived here last evening, expect to Gadiz, Ohio, and who stopped at Congress Hall, was robbed sometime between night and morning of \$4,000 in gold dust and money. The thief has not yet been traced.

Things at Washington.

Washington, Monday, Dec. 24. The House continued in session until a late our, listening with profound attention to the read ng of the President's Message, which was com municated to the two Houses between 2 and rom the South, are deprived of their last ray of hope that their pelarious designs would meet with the re-

Promotions, &c. in the Army.

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[Official.]

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Mauberiber, desirous of closing this branch of his balance of his stock at reduced price. Those in want of furs will get well paid for coming son distance, by the bargains which the occasion offers. A fursion of the stock at reduced price is a secretion of his and cape as usual. WM. BROW.

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK GAS LIGHT COMPANY, THE ANNUAL ELECTION for infries allorests of this Company will be held at the Office. 174 Centre at on Monday the 14th day of January next, from 11 to 1 o'clock A M. The transfer book will be closed from the 19th inst. until after the ciection. By order, 635 UM S. S. OSGOOD'S LETTERS

The Rainy Season-The Malis-A Crowd at the Post-Office-Steamers on the Sacra-mento-Prices of Produce-The Election to Storm-Capt. Sutter and his Portraits-

hinking that early enough to piece me among the first who were to take their turn at the window

cially in some of the lower streets.

I believe I mentioned in my last that the long-looked for steamer Senator had arrived. On Monday last she made her trial trip up to Sarramento City, and in returning yeaterday she so-complished the distance in nine hours. It was an-

Nor. 13.—The Senator has just come down from Nor. 13.—The Senator has just come down from cramento City with a crowd of passengers. On aday she brought 240—those in the cabin pay-

ramento City, and has also been very successful, but the Benator is preferred by passengers, as she runs through by day light.

Fiour is \$50 per bb by the quantity. Pork \$40.

Prime is \$36. Chili Flour is preferred to American, that from the States being a little rusty—beaute which it has to be put into sacks, to be transported to the mines, while that from Chili comes already put up in sacks of various dimensions, of femal 2 to 100 lbs.

rom 12 to 100 lbs.

The rain continues still. Yesterday was the decord far the presence of a strong restrains the warlike inclinations. The Duryka Guans, Capt. McCort. The prizes while its absence has sometime. has been a cold drizzling rain. Yet, notwith-standing rain, and any quantity of slippery mud, there has been a constant stream of people, con-stantly picking their way up the hill to the ballot box, to deposit their votes for some one of the sepirants to office. I have given mine for Capt Sutter for Governor. More from personal feeling, than from any other, since he has been the means of my being some thousand dollar righer than en a cold drizzling rain of my being some thousand dollars richer than I should have been, had I not painted his portraits—the third of which is already completed, from life. I have others to do beside.

Previous to the Captain's leaving town for Hock

Farm, he requested me to tell him the price of the one I had painted for him. I named \$500, when he says "you must charge me a good price." I replied that I was satisfied with the sum named. The portrait was only the bust with one hand-whereupon my worthy friend desired me to ac-cept one of the best lots in Sacramento city as a Souvenir—of course I did not refuse. He has al-ready requested his agent to make me out a deed. Property is on the rise up there, as well as here Property is on the rise up sheet, wings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from one of the has also ordered 200 engravings from the has also ordered 200 engraves from already given away many fortunes, and will pro already given away many fortunes, and win pro-bably succeed in disposing of the immense one that has so unexpectedly been thrown into his hands, in the course of a few years. The emigrants who have heretofore visited this country, can testify to his benevolence. To many a stranger has be furnished mules and provision, when the travelers had given out, and sent them on their way rejoi-ting. When he first came to this country, he called ing. When he first came to this country, he called the Indians together, and said to them, "you all belong to me, I will be a father to you; if you want any thing, ask for it, and I will give it you." And whenever they applied for blankets, shirts, Anhe would give them an order to go to the store and get it. The Indians trusted to him; they found in him a friend, and manifest the greatest affection in return. If he sees one a hundred miles from his dwelling, he has but to say, I wish to reasons the Barche on such a day, and the native miles from his dwelling, he has day, and the native of the wilds is sure to be there at the very hour. If If they commit deeds of violence, he metes out to them a just punishment, even death for death. He told me an anecdote of one of them who had been guilty of murder, he was tried and sentenced to be spot, and when they were about to put a bandage wer his eyes, he begged that he might be permitted o see them fire. He was shot by the captain's la-tian grenadiers, for he had a company of well disci-blined soldiers, which he had selected from these rather doubtful from the vote in San Francisco.

Nov. 14 BURNETT has the majority. It is supposed that the cause of Sutter's non-election was the neglect of those who made up the people's ticket, to put the words "for the Constitution" on their ballots, which no doubt lost them 10 or 1900

otes. I shall get the returns and forward them o you in this letter. number of steamers which are now plying on the rivers here, viz. twelve already here and four

more which are daily expected; the market was at heard of at Acapalco.

Rumor reports six inches of snow up at the river Juba; to-day the weather has been very pleasant.

S. Oscood.

JURN ROSS, Magnisturer of Carpet Tacas, with Lesiber under the Heads, Warren, Mass. Rose's specific Carpet Tacas for sale by the sole agents for this city. Inth hard OARLEY & FOX. 56 Cortland-81. GALVANIZED PUMP CHAIN. The subscri Ober is prepared to supply Galvanized Pump Chain covers superior quality in quantities to suit purchasers.

dit 64" JAMES H HOLDANE, 55 Wester.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 26. Tor River Chorab - We understand that he attempt for Albany will be made by the River boats to pight. Navigation may be oppsidered suspended for

FIRE -- An alarm came from a cooper shop

on Monday morning, 17th inst. Mr. Henry Hutcheson in 56th year of his age. Mr. H. was formerly engage in business in the City of New-York for about 20 years

tak Kelly, of the Sixth Ward, discharged on Christmas night, George Kavanagh, arrested by officers Aus-tin and Baker, for disorderly conduct, on complaint of Mary Howard; and James Morrison, arrested by ci

Horses Drowsen.—A span of dark bay horse found drowned at the foot of Jefferson at East Rive at sunrise, Christones morning. They were harnesse and the tongue of a carriage was attached to them, is feared some persons have been drowned by the

HURT .- Patrick O'Brien, found in the stree by Sergeant Mann of the Seventh Ward, with his head badiy cut in two places, was taken care of by Dr. Marsh.

arrosted Thomas Moure for stealing a piece of calls from W. P. Taylor. Committed for trial. Assault -Bernard Masterton and James Jul

were arrested in the Fourth by officer McGuire for as saulting Peter Harrington. Committed for trial. Suspicios.—Officer Archer, of the Fifth Ward ast night arrested Anthony Day, on suspicion of our plary. Held for examination.

Fourth Ward, yesterday took into entedy two wime named Jace Blaze and Edra Casady, on a charge a stealing \$25, together with a gold watch and chair valued at \$100, and two notes of rand for \$500, the property of a man called John McCormick. The accused parties were locked up for examination.

rowd us so closely that we have scarcely room to

The HERBING SALAMANDER GUARDS, Capt. George

went to Hoboken. The 1st prize, a eliver cup, was w lagher; 3d, a musket, by John Moore, and 4th, the ta get, by P. Barker.

taln John McConnell : 1st prize, a silver cup, won by 4th Lleut. C. Sherman; 24, a gold ring, by D. Doyle.

The GREEN POINT GUARDS, Capt. Russell, went to loboken, where the first prize, a silver cup, was award

a gold thimble, to Mr. McFarren.
The Baxran Light Guands, Capt Decker, boys of very young men, mustered some 30 muskets. They went to Hoboken.

Engine Co. No. 29, commanded by Capt. Owen Ward, rent to Yorkville, and returned late in the evening. The TALCOTT GUARDS, Captian Abrahams, mosti sembers of Engine Co. No. 2, went to the Red House The INDEPENDENT FULTON BLUES, Capt Smith

went to Brooklyn. They showed 40 muskets. The PARKER LIGHT GUARD, Capt. Jackson, west with 50 muskets to the "big village" of Williams

City. They had about 60 in rank and file. The AMERICAN GUARDS, of Engine Co. No. 6, Capt

members of Engine Co. No. 20, shot and dined at Ho on their annual excursion.

The FIRST WARD MAGNETIZES, a company of factasticals on horseback; the UNENOWN GUARDS, Capt. Mansfield; the INVINCIBLE GUARDS, Capt. Smith, and the SPRUCE ST. FUSILIERS, all fancy soldiers, made great deal of fun with their motiey apparel and queen

Wednesday, Dec. 26.-The witness previous to the con-Countion of the examination, at the requat of the Coun sel for the prisoners, produced the notes of the cor-versation before testified to. Examination continued Those are the original notes : I have not altered them Those are the original noise; I have not sitered them since the day I was at the lay Green. I have not altered them since they were completed; I have not altered them since they were completed; I have from time to time as I recollected added to them, but those are the original noise; I made the last addition to them. I think, the day after the interview between Bristoi Bill, One-sped Thompson and Mr. Drury, in Brook lyn; the additions were made both in its and ponel marks. [The witness being desired to point out the additions which had been made in ink and penel did so.] At the conclusion of the above bestimony for to day, a discussion arose upon the question of producing Mr. Warner to give evidence. Mr. Clark, Counsel for the prisoners, insisted upon the obligation resting on the Magistrate to produce the writings when he demanded his testimony. The discussion was was termicated by the Attorney General's asking if the Court stood adjurned, and answered in the affirmative by Justic Lathrop. The examination will be resumed at 105 this morning.

STEALING COITOS — Henry Evans, colored, Was

STEALING COTTON — Henry Evans, colored, was arrested by officer McVeigh of the Seventh Ward to stealing cotton from the wharves. Sect to Essex Nar

WILLIAMSBURGH ITEMS. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec TEMPERANCE .- A series of Temperance meet ings will soon begin under the anapices of Williams burgh Division, No. 105 S. of T. This Division had fine relinion at their Anniversary on Christmas Eve. CYRUS W. FIELD & CO.

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REPORT

OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

Was Department, Washington, Nov. 20, 1942.

Six: I have the honor to present the following Report of the operations of this Department during the past year:

The returns and statements of the Adjutant General, herewith exhibit the strength and distribution of the military force. Agreeably to these returns, the present strength of the army is less than the organization provided by law. The deficiency arises from the discharges, deaths and desertions which have taken place, and the difficulty of immediately supplying the want by new emistments. The desertions have been most numerous

The delays in receiving these returns of casual

while its absence has sometimes involved the Government in protracted and coasily wars.

Great embarrassment has heret fore arisen from the supposed sctual rank which bevet commissions confer. Their recent multiplication will increase the difficulties and focusionizes to which the military service has been exceed. Apart from the conflicting claims of officers holding commissions, it may be affirmed that instances for the conference of the commissions. frequently occur when pay is paramount to rank, and when the breve, rank itself cannot, in legal contemplation, take effect. In the case of staff, efficers who have no command, and who can exercise none except by special assignment, these brevet commissions are only honorary distinctions; and examined closely, this is the basis on which eroise none except by special assignment, these brevet commissions are only honorary distinctions; and, examined closely, this is the basis on which cest all brevets. The presumption is reasonable and just that every officer performs his required duty, and he who does more is entitled to honorable reward. It is, then, respectfully submitted whether the object, in authorizing this class of commissions, is not accomplished by retaining them as honorary distinctions, and restricting the natered in their respective regiments and corps.

any exceptions be made to the rule here proosed, it is believed that in view of the more effirank and pay should exist only when volunteers and militia are united with the regular army; or when the officers having bravet commissions are detailed for duty by special assignment with diffitofore been given to the Articles of war, it would seem that every garmson at each of our numerous and widely-extended posts is considered a detach-ment from the main army, without any definite conception of the locality where its main body is concentrated.

Another inconvenience resulting to the service is the anomalous position of officers holding staff commissions which confer rank. Those officers are not considered by established usage as eligible to the command of troops unless specially assigned, while at the same time they claim exemption from the orders of juniors in the line who succeed to such commands. This state of things is calculated to juny the service by a susception for the

The necessity of adopting some rule for retiring disabled officers from the army, is more apparent at this time than at any former period of its history. The injurious effects of a foreign war, prosecuted in a climate unfavorable to health, and the ecuted in a climate unfavorable to health, and the casualties inseparable from a contest remarkable for the disparity of the opposing forces, have added to the list of those disabled from age, or other cause, and greatly increased the number of ineffective of incers. To retain them would but impede that activity and efficiency which the protection of our recently extended frontiers necessarily demands from the army; to discharge them without suitable provision, crippled and worn out in the public service, would be unjust and ungrateful. In order to preserve the efficiency of the army, and withlic service, be retired, will probably not exc twenty-five, the sum of whose pay will be than \$15,000 annually.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

In September a movement was made against the Navajoe Indians in their stronghold at the Sanon of Cheilla, which resulted in a treaty with est nation, on terms similar to those granted to

ations with the Indians remaining in Florids, with tylew to ascertain the receings in respect to emi-cration. While the officer charged with the in was upward of 1,700, officers and med, a fore idemed sufficient to give confidence to the inhal

has been pursued, and which will probably be continued for the removal of these Indians to their brethren west of the Mississippi, will be seen in the correspondence which accompanies this Report. During the past Spring and part of the Summer, the troops in Texas had become greatly reduced change the Ohio for the Savanosh as his flag

in effective strength by the ravages of the cholers, which prevailed there to such an extent as to retard, in some massure, contemplated military movements, having for their object the establish the very limited disposable regular force, distributed in small commands at points remote from each
other, made it necessary for the Commanding
General in Texas to avail himself of the authority
previously given, to call upon the Executive of
the State for three companies of mounted militia.
Orders have been given for the discharge of these
additional companies, and also tides in New-Mexico, as soon as the extingencies under which they
were called into service shall have ceased to extex and it is recommended that appropriations be ist, and it is recommended that appropriations be made by Congress to pay them for the time they may have been employed. No recent disturbanly dispositions towards the United States, and a determination by them to abstain from any further depredations upon our citizens, it is believed that the regular troops in that country will be sufficient for any emergency likely to arise. The operations in New-Mexico and Texas have resulted in the recovery of many of the captives previously made by the Indians, several of whom have been restored to their humes in Mexico, agreeably to the provisions of the late treaty with that Republic.

for troops in Mexico, during the recent War, from effecting much in respect to the establishment of e effecting much in respect to the establishment of military posts on the route to Oregon, required by the act of the 19th May, 1846, beyond the selection of the first station on Platte River, now Grand I sland, known as Fort Kearny. Within the last Spring arrangements were made to place the regiment of mounted riflemen originally designed for this service, upon the route. Early in May, the regiment moved from Fort Leavemorth, and proceeded via Fort Kearny to Fort Laxemie, and, after establishing at that point the second military station, continued its march in the direction of Oregon. By the last intelligence received, the regiment had passed beyond Fort Hall, on the apper waters of the Columbia River, and doubtless, ere this, it has reached its ultimate destinaless, ere this, it has reached its ultimate destina-tion, after having established the intermediate station between Fort Laramie and the Pacific, and riving eacort to a large number of emigrants.

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To hasten and essure the arrival of the officers connected with the Customs in California, as well as a Navy Agent for the port of San Francisco, and certain Indian agents transferred to, and subagents appointed for, the territories of New-Mexico and California, an order, under your direction, was given to the proper Department to furnish to these transportations at eachier and the second of the proper of the prop the same time information resoned the Department that a large number of emigrants had assembled at Fort Leavenworth, and who, in their long journey to their new and distant homes on the Pacific, would probably encounter the increased wants which their numbers were well calculated to produce. Accordingly, the officers of the Substatence Department, with a like direction were ordered to relieve all cases of distress in the wilderness without disclosing the benevolent pur-

ordered to relieve all cases of distress in the wilderess, without disclosing the benevolent pursone of the order.

In connexion with the subject of providing the
necessary means for the defense of our distant
territories, the erection of fortifications for the protection of such of our harbors on the Pacific as
may be indicated by the Board of Engineer Officers at present engaged in making examinations
and surveys for these objects, is respectfully
recommended.

ideers, however, should be required to account fully, through the appropriate Department, for all sums collected by them, and such disbursements allowed as may be deemed necessary and proper for the maintenance and support of the anomalous government of that territory.

The peculiar condition of the Territories of California and New Mexico, in respect to their internal governments, and the absence of any clearly defined authority by Congress for this object, has imposed delicate and difficult duties on the army. One of its assigned duties is to aid civil functionaries, when required in the preservation of public tranquillity. But it is believed that the civil authority, so far as it had its origin in pelitical power, in a great measure disappeared ifficulties, the army, aided by the confirmed habit if self government in which the American citizen s reared, has protected these Territories from

The Reports horewith of the chiefs of the several bureaus connected with this Department, will exhibit in detail their respective operations, and to which I respectfully invite attention. The duties of these branches of the military services have been performed with secusioned fidelity, and and shifter. Howeverfulls submitted.

ability. Respectfully submitted. GEO W. CRAWFORD, Secretary of War. REPORT

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY port, laid before Congress with the President's

The Home Squadron, under the command of Com Parker, consists of the flag-ship frigate Raritan, Capt. Page, the sloop of war Albany, Com. Randolph, the sloop of war Albany, Com. Randolph, the steamer Vixen, Lieut. Com. Ward, the steamer Water Witch, Lieut. Com. Totten, and the schooner Fift, Lieut. Com. Farrand. The steamer Alleghany, commanded by Lieut. Hunter, was temporarily attached to this squadron, but has been recently withdrawn and placed in ordinary at the Washington Navy Yard. The sloop of war Saratogs, Com. Nicholson, has also been withdrawn, and placed in ordinary at Norfolk.

in the Gulf of Mexico, and along the Atlantic coast. The squadron in the Pacific ocean, under the command of Commodere Joses, consists of the flag ship Ohio, Commander Stribling, the frigate Savannab, Captain Voorhees, the aloop-of-war St. Mary's. Commander Johnson, the aloop-of-war Palmouth, Commander Giynn, the sloop-of-war Palmouth, Commander Pettigu, the sloop-of-war Vandalia. Commander Gardner, the sloop-of-war Vandalia. Commander Hudson, the atore-ship Fredonia, Lieutenant Commanding Neville, the store-ship Southampton. Lieutenant Commanding Handy, and the steamer Massachusetts. The raxes Indepence, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore

August, and was placed in ordinary. Orders have been given for he return of the

the St. Mary's will be retained and constitute at part of the squadron under Commodors Voorhees.

The Falmouth sailed from the United States on the 18th of May, the Vandalia on the 5th of September, and the Vincennes the 18th of November, with orders to join the command of Com. Jones in the Pacific. The store-ship Supply, Lieut. Commanding Kennedy, is under orders, and will shortly sail with supplies and stores for the squadron in the Pacific. Commodors Jones reports that the crews of the vessels under his command have been greatly reduced by descritions, and by the expirations of terms of service of the men; he states also that there exists an unwillingness to realist for the Navy. The temptations held out by the prospect of obtaining gold, and the great demand for scamen, render it impossible to enlist men on the coast of California for the navy pay of from \$10 to 12 per month, while the merchant service is paying from \$35 to \$150 in the same ports. The evils resulting to the naval service from these causes are severely felt. Great efforts have been made to remedy them, and every exertion that authority and discipline could enforce has been made with but partial success.

The squadron in the Mediterranean sea, under

has been made with but partial success.

The squadron in the Mediterranean sea, under the command of Commodore Morgan, consists of the flag-ship razee Independence, Commander Biake; the frigate Cumberland, Capt. Latimer: the frigate Constitution, Capt. Conover; the steamer Mississippi, Capt. Long; the sloop-of-war Jamestown, Commander Mercer, and the storeship Erie, Lieut. Commanding Porter. The frigate St. Lawrence, Capt. Paulding, has also joined this squadron.

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The force now employed in the Mediterranean is believed to be larger and more efficient than at any previous period in our history, with the exception, perhaps, of the years 1204 and 1805, during the Tripolitan war.

The steamers Princeton, Commander Eugle, and Alleghany, Lieutenant-Commanding Hunter, were ordered home from the Mediterranean in consequence of the reports of the necessity for extensive repairs. The Princeton has since her return, undergone a strict and careful survey by a board of competent and skillful officers; the report condemned her as unworthy of repairs. She was, therefore, broken up, and such portions of her as were unserviceable for naval purposes were ordered to be sold. The scheoner Taney also returned from the Mediterranean. This vessel be longs to the Treasury Department, and on her arrival was turned over to that Department; there being, however, no vessel of the navy at my command calculated for the service contemplated by the 2d section of the Act making appropriations for the maval service, approved March 3, 1869, viz. for testing new routes and perfecting the discoveries made by Lieutenant Maury, in the course of his investigations of the winds and currents of the ocean, the Taney was again received and assigned to that service. Lieutenant Waish, an officer well qualified for the duty was intrusted with the company of the striped instructions were prepared for him.